

**Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier,
marquis de Lafayette to Andrew Jackson, October 18,
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THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE TO JACKSON.

“ On Board The Steam Boat New York ”, October 18, 1824.

My dear General, With all the feelings of affectionate Gratitude I Have Received your kind and Highly Valued Letter: this is not However the first and greatest obligation that Binds me to general Jackson; Had you witnessed my anxiety when on a Sudden all Europe was pacified, and the flower of the British army were on their way to Louisiana, you would still Better judge what I felt of relief, joy, and pride, on Receiving the Glorious Account of your Victory; I Have long Anticipated the pleasure to take you by the Hand, and whatever Be your future movements I will not leave the U. S. Before I Have Sought and found the opportunity to Express in person my High Regard and Sincer friendship. I am now on my way to York town, and I shall proceed By way of Norfolk to Richmond Monticelo and Montpellier. My wish is to Be at Washington By the time Congress meet, and I afterwards Contemplate a Visit to the Southern and Western States, there to enjoy the wonders that Have Been produced By a Virtuous and active population Under the Blessings of popular institutions. There also I will find old Revolutionary friends, and Among the enjoyments of these visits I Beg you to think I set a proper Value on The Honor and Gratification to tell you How Cordially I am

Your admirer and friend

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My Son Requests His Respectful Thanks to be presented to You.